Attitudes of pre-service primary teachers to mathematics

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In this presentation we look at the attitudes that pre-service primary teachers have towards mathematics, and in particular we look at the cohort of these students at Macquarie University. Our study involved surveying students regarding their mathematical background and their attitudes to mathematics. This presentation looks at the results, which were analysed using both a quantitative and qualitative approach. We will be focusing on the areas that affect attitude such as maths anxiety and students’ mathematical background, together with discussing our own reflections about teaching mathematics.